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I can direct them to many printable resources and links, such as:

***PBS KIDS Island*** offers free reading games and activities for preschoolers, along with resources and literacy activities for parents and teachers. Geared toward emerging readers ages 2-5, the research-based site guides children through eight different literacy-building levels, including rhyming, letter identification, alliteration, phonics, letter sequencing, phonemic awareness, and reading/vocabulary. Parents or teachers can track the child’s progress through the Child Progress Tracker on the site to see how the games help the child learn valuable reading skills. Parents, teachers, and care providers can add individual children or whole classes to their account. Take a tour today at <http://pbskids.org/island/>

***Martha Speaks*** **Reading Buddies**

The ***Martha Speaks*** Reading Buddies Program pairs kindergarten students with 3rd or 4th graders to meet one-on-one for eight, 45-minute classroom sessions. The buddy pairs share books, talk, and do fun activities together, while learning and using new vocabulary words. This program is designed to help build students’ vocabulary and nurture their love of words and reading. It brings together the unique assets of the Martha speaks television series, selected picture books, activities to reinforce and enhance students’ vocabulary knowledge, and one-on-one Reading Buddy relationships. Go to <http://www.pbs.org/parents/martha/readingbuddies/index.html>

**PBS KIDS Lab**

PBS KIDS Lab offers more than 100 cross-platform games designed to help children ages 2-8 build critical math skills and provides even more support to caregivers and teachers. These include bilingual translations of parental instructions and resources like a “Home Activities” section, math tips for families to use in their daily activities, and a new blog series with content related to kids and media. Go to <http://pbskids.org/lab>

**The IPTV Math Mentor Program**

The IPTV Math Mentorship program utilizes PBS resources and peer interaction to enhance math learning in an afterschool program environment. This program pairs Kindergarten students (little buddies) with students from grades 3-4 (big buddies). For the big buddies, this is an earned responsibility. They meet in the computer lab a few days ahead of time to become familiar with a chosen set of computer games from PBS KIDS Lab and hands on math activities that are geared toward a math skill such as measurement or counting. The following Monday, the big buddies meet with their little buddies to actually play the games from PBS KIDS Lab.  They meet again on Wednesdays to play math manipulative games that relate to the chosen game set.

**The Electric Company Extended Learning Program**

The Electric Company's Extended Learning Program is based on a 1-hour activity plan. This 18-week multimedia programming experience consists of 36 sessions designed to be delivered twice a week in after-school programs and other out of school time settings. This model provides for confident and consistent implementation by including scripted group facilitation, a cluster of video clips, targeted broadband activities, individual or peer activity sheets, and take-home activities for the family. The content supports the curriculum of all 52 Electric Company episodes, including decoding, vocabulary, connected text, motivation, and math words and concepts. Go to <http://pbskids.org/lab/outofschool/>

**Iowa Public Television’s Classroom Connection Page**

Find the best resources for teachers available on Iowa Public Television’s site for educators. Choose your subject area to narrow your search of our top resources.  The Early Childhood subject also includes printable handouts that you are welcome to download, copy, and provide to parents or children in your care.   <http://www.iptv.org/classroom/> ; <http://www.iptv.org/classroom/story.cfm/story/8803/ed_20111012_handouts_early_child_care_providers_2>

**PBS Learning Media**

A database of over 30,000 digital media resources (video clips, interactives, photos, lesson plans, etc.) that are free for you to use as an educator.  You will need to create an account to save and favorite resources, but this is free.

<http://iptv.pbslearningmedia.org/>